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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON DECRIMINALIZING MARIHUANA

REF: STATE 57902

1. MARIHUANA IS RARELY ENCOUNTERED IN SWEDEN. HASHISH IS MOST COMMON FORM OF CANNABIS ABUSE. PERSONS FOUND TO BE IN POSSESSION OF SMALL AMOUNT OF HASHISH FOR PERSONAL USE GENERALLY RECEIVE WARNING ON FIRST OCCASION AND NAMES ARE RECORDED. FINES ARE IMPOSED FOR SECOND OR THIRD AND SUB-SEQUENT VIOLATIONS. COUNTY PROSECUTORS HAVE FULL DISCRETION IN DETERMINING WHAT CONSTITUTES SMALL AMOUNT. HOWEVER, 15 GRAMS (30 GRAMS OF MARIHUANA) HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS UPPER LIMIT IN STOCKHOLM COUNTY AND THIS DEFINITION IS GRADU-ALLY BECOMING ACCEPTED IN REST OF SWEDEN.

2. PENALTY FOR TRAFFICKING IN HASHISH IS USUALLY LIGHT PRISON SENTENCE OF UP TO ONE YEAR, BUT LONGER TERMS ARE POSSIBLE
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DEPENDING ON SERIOUSNESS OF OFFENCE. WE QUOTE FROM THE LAW: "IN DETERMINING THE GRAVITY OF AN OFFENCE, SPECIAL REGARD SHALL BE HAD TO WHETHER IT WAS PART OF A LARGE-SCALE OR PROFESSIONAL COURSE OF ACTION, OR WAS COMMITTED WITH PARTICULARLY LARGE QUANTITIES OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, OR OTHERWISE WAS PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS." IN ONE CASE SOME MONTHS AGO, AN INDIVIDUAL ARRESTED WITH 85 KILOS OF HASHISH

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WAS SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR FIVE AND ONE HALF YEARS.

3. POLICE ACT VIGOROUSLY IN TRYING TO SUPPRESS HASHISH TRAFFICKING BUT MAKE RELATIVELY LITTLE DELIBERATE EFFORT TO APPREHEND USERS. POSSESSION FOR PERSONAL USE OFTEN COMES TO LIGHT AS RESULT OF ARREST FOR OTHER OFFENCES.
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